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October 11, 2023

Mr. John Stufflebean, Director Department of Water Supply County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Stufflebean:

SUBJECT: BILL 66 (2023), RELATING TO AMENDING THE FIRE CODE (WAI-9)

At its meeting of October 2, 2023, the Water and Infrastructure Committee recommended the passage of Bill 66, CD1 (2023), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16.04D, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND TO CORRECT AN OMISSION."

May I please request your response to the following as it relates to Bill 66, CD1:

- 1. Please explain the exception for building fire flow and flow duration requirements for first and second dwellings. Please also explain whether this exception is still appropriate in the aftermath of the August 8, 2023, wildfires.
- 2. Section 4 allows for an approved automatic fire sprinkler system for one- and two-family dwellings if the subject parcel does not have an approved water supply for fire protection. Further, Hawaii Revised Statutes 46-19.8 prohibits counties from requiring fire sprinklers in detached one- and two-family dwellings. Please also explain if this exception is still appropriate in the aftermath of the August 8, 2023, wildfires.

May I further request your written response by **October 19, 2023**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to

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wai.committee@mauicounty.us, and include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, or Clarita Balala at ext. 7668).

Sincerely,

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TOM COOK, Chair

Water and Infrastructure Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.